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1. IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF (A), ACT. AGR.
ATTACHE AND ASST AGR ATTACHE CONTACTED ING. FRANCISCO RAMOS
CANTORAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT
AGRICULTURE AND LIVE-
STOCK (SAG) TO DISCUSS ON INFORMAL BASIS U.S. DESIRE NEGOTIATE
1975 VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM FOR MEAT EXPORTS TO U.S.
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2. RAMOS CANTORAL FAMILIAR WITH DEC 19 MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON AND RATIONALE BEHIND U.S. PUSH FOR VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM. HE INDICATED THAT IN HIS OWN OPINION MEXICAN QUOTA OF 62.8 MILLION LBS PROBABLY AS MUCH OR MORE THAN MEXICO LIKELY TO SHIP TO U.S. UNDER CURRENT AND PROBABLE MARKET CONDITIONS FOR 1975 REGARDLESS OF QUOTA. HE RECOGNIZES ALSO QUOTA SYSTEM PROVIDES CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO MEXICO BY ASSURING MARKET SHARE AT TIME WHEN IN ABSENCE OF COUNTRY QUOTAS OTHER EXPORTERS COULD SATURATE MARKET.

3. GOM OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT PROGRAM CAUSE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR MEXICO AND WILL NOT IMPEDE REACHING AGREEMENT, POLITICAL FACTORS ARE SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO REACHING AGREEMENT ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF NEW U.S. TRADE LAW WHICH RECEIVING CRITICAL REVIEW IN MEXICO. HE INDICATED THAT MEXICO WILL UNDOUBTEDLY AGREE TO RESTRAINT PROGRAM IN THE END. THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE DEBATE WITHIN GOM AS WELL AS POLITICAL ORATORY IN PRESS.

4. COMMENT: RAMOS CANTORAL UNDERSTANDS BACKGROUND MEAT PROBLEM AND IS PERSONALLY AGREEABLE USG APPROACH TO SOLUTION. HE BELIEVES USG APPROACH IS TO MEXICO'S ADVANTAGE AND WILL ADVISE ACCORDINGLY DURING GOM DISCUSSION. EMBASSY PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION IN CONTINUING DIALOGUE THIS OFFICIAL.

5. OAS REPORT OF DEC 19 WASHINGTON MEETING MENTIONED PARA 2, REF (B) NOT RECEIVED. PLEASE SEND SOONEST.
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